



# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE

## **UPDATE ON SEWER MAIN BREAK IN RIO VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD**

**December 16, 2019, 11:30 a.m.**

Following is an update on City operations related to the 54-inch sewer main break, located on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way in the Rio Vista neighborhood.

### **Site Operations and Containment**

- Work continued through the overnight hours maintaining containment of the sewer main break discharge.
- A street sweeper arrived on site early this morning and conducted street cleaning on the south side of Ponce de Leon Drive.
- Three additional pumps were delivered to the site as backup resources.
- Tanker and vacuum truck operations will continue today to remove discharge and transport it to other parts of the wastewater collection system.
- Pumps will continue removing discharge from catch basins and manholes in the affected area and diverting it to sewer lines north and south of the break.

### **Repair Activities**

- The contractor completed excavating in the areas to the east and west of the damaged portion of the pipe.
- Two pipe tapping saddles, measuring 54 inches by 36 inches, have been installed on the pipe and one of two relief valve saddles, measuring 54 inches by 2 inches, has been installed on the pipe.
- Concrete will be poured today around the saddles that have been installed to secure them and hold them in place.
- Heavy equipment needed to tap the pipe will be deployed to the site today.
- The contractor is continuing with work assembling and preparing the 36-inch bypass piping.

### **Garbage and Recycling Collection for Ponce de Leon Dr. between SE 9 Ave. and SE 12 Way**

- Garbage and recycling collection will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, December 17, for properties in the affected area on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way.
- Neighbors are asked to assist by placing their black garbage carts and blue recycling carts where they are easily visible, as close to the roadway as possible, but without blocking traffic on Ponce de Leon Drive. Carts must be placed out by 7 am.
- Collection service will be for black garbage carts and blue recycling carts only; no green yard waste carts will be collected.

### **Environmental Cleanup and Aeration**

- Environmental cleanup crews completed work on Ponce de Leon Drive and areas east of Hector Park.
- 10 aerators are operating in the Tarpon River and New River to help improve water quality by improving oxygen levels in the water, increasing circulation, breaking down organic matter in the discharge, and helping to control odor.

-Three marine vessels will conduct skimming and debris removal on the waterways in the affected area today.

#### **Road Closure**

-Ponce de Leon Drive remains closed between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way while the work progresses.

#### **Precautionary Advisory for Water-Related Recreational Activities**

-A precautionary advisory for recreational activities in local waterways remains in effect.

-The boundaries are Broward Boulevard to the north, Poinciana Drive to the east, SE 15 Street to the south, and SW 18 Avenue to the west. Residents and businesses should avoid swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, canoeing, or engaging in any water-related activities within these boundaries.

-To view a map of the precautionary advisory area, please visit <http://bit.ly/35l0DuC>.

-To view the update on the City's website, please visit <http://bit.ly/2rBJhLk>.

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